

in the news

WEATHER

Today will be mostly sunny with highs between 60 and 70. Winds from south west around 12mph. Low tonight around 50 to 60. Humidity 68 percent.

INSIDE

Once again, the MIT Musical Theater Guild is presenting *Godspell* during R/O Week, and once again the performance is surprising.

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EXCERPTS

Many misconceptions exist about choosing courses and they often confuse the hopelessly pre-professional undergraduate. As a public service, these fallacies are explained below:

1. *The "They're all books that I've wanted to read and that I'd read at some point in my life anyway" fallacy.* No they aren't, and no you wouldn't. Besides, who ever gave themselves an exam on their bedtime reading? And do you write ten page papers on those Harlequin Romances on your shelf?

2. *The choosing a gut fallacy.* If you read it's a gut in the Conf-Guide, it isn't any longer. There is no sure way to find guts, even hearsay is unsure — remember that time you took that "gut" Math 273 because some theoretical physics major told you it was the easiest thing he'd ever seen? And, even if you think you've got your hands on a gut, be careful. A lot of people believe the entire coursework of a good gut can be done in a day. Not true! You should always plan for at least two days.

3. *The "This is a harder course and I may get a lower mark but grad schools will respect me more for it" fallacy.* Absolutely false. As they say, "It ain't the meat, it's the motion." The meat is what you flunk on; the motion is the grade they look at.

4. *The "It's necessary for my concentration" fallacy.* What a foolish reason. Let's get our priorities straight first. Ask yourself "does it require work?" "Does it meet in the morning?" "Is class attendance necessary to get a good grade?" If the answer to any of these is yes, switch majors.

— Tom Keane
The Harvard Independent

Freshmen get dorm assignments

By Steven Solnick

When 80 percent of the freshmen receive their dormitory assignments at 11 o'clock this morning, only one step will remain between them and their permanent fall rooms. That step will take place, for the most part, this afternoon when freshmen receive rooms in the dorms to which they have been assigned.

Each dormitory has its own procedure for giving freshmen their permanent rooms.

MacGregor House has a uni-

que system of room assignments. According to Room Assignments Chairman Tom Black '80, "two representatives from each entry (living group) meet to bid for the freshmen to be in each entry." No freshmen file entry preference forms.

In New House, Burton, McCormick and East Campus, freshmen, after receiving their permanent assignments, will spend most of this afternoon meeting the residents of the different living groups which com-

prise their new dorms. By late afternoon or early evening, each will be asked to fill out a preference card on which they will indicate which living group they would prefer to live in, in order of preference, as well as preferences for roommates or suitemates and habits.

In McCormick, rooms are then assigned on the basis of these preference forms, by Room Assignments Cochairwomen Lori Ullman '81 and Sharon Lowenheim '79. Lowenheim said

that they would then meet with the McCormick R/O Chairwoman and Housemasters and "try to match freshmen to places they would be happy."

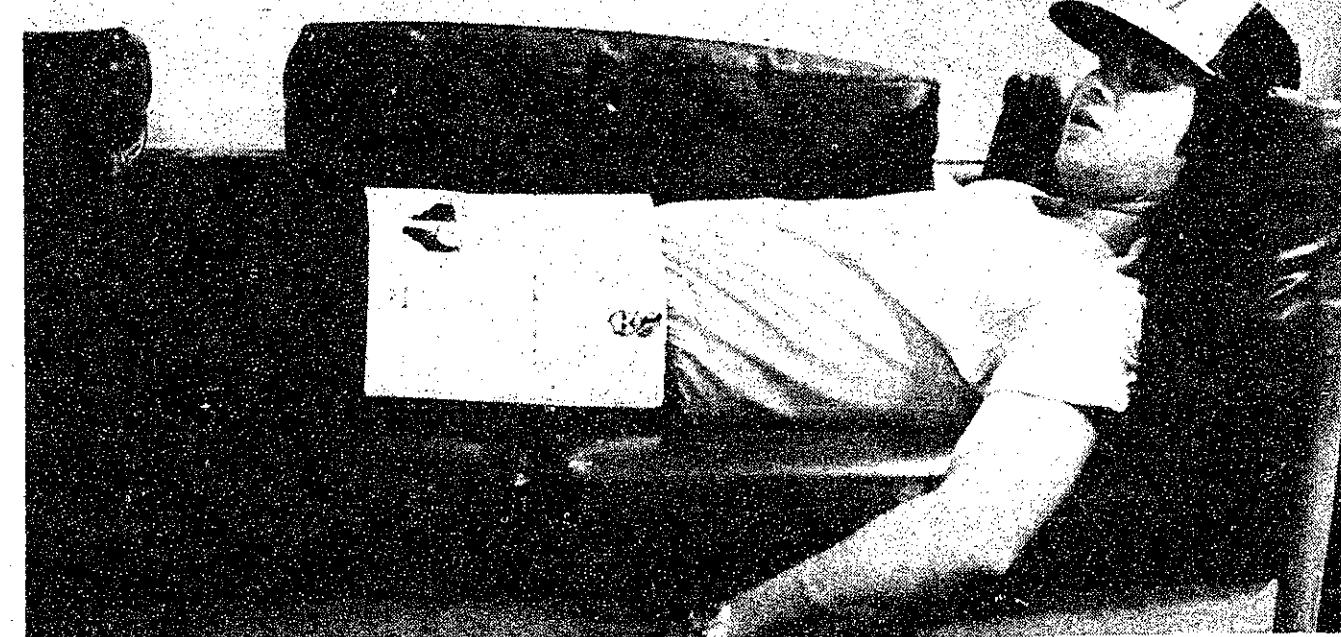
East Campus Room Assignments Chairman Jon Bernays '79 indicated that assignments at East Campus are "based on their (the freshmen's) preferences," but he indicated that he would exercise some discretionary control to insure that the floors fill up evenly.

Burton House Room Assignments Cochairman Linda Karel '80 said that after freshmen meet floor residents in both a planned presentation and informal discussion and submit preference cards, a lottery similar to that used for dorm assignments is held. Freshmen are assigned to their first choice floor until the floors are full.

New House room assignments work in the same way, according to Housing Chairman Steve Forman '80, as rooms are assigned solely on the basis of freshman preference — no control is given to any dorm members.

At Baker, rooms assigned to freshmen when they arrive are largely temporary. A large lottery is held on Saturday to assign rooms to upperclassmen and freshmen alike, with upperclassmen receiving first priority and freshmen then allowed to select whatever rooms remain open.

Senior House also assigns rooms late in the week, based on preference forms.



As the residence part of R/O week draws to a close workers prepare for the final task of giving out room assignments. Some, however, do not manage to make it through.

Fraternities continue rush

By Michael Ries

By 4pm yesterday, 238 freshmen had pledged fraternities and many houses have stopped rushing. Dave Maurer G, IFC Rush Chairman, commented that the "pledging has gone much as we expected."

However, some fraternities are continuing to rush freshmen. Maurer pointed out that "a number of houses are still looking to meet more people. It's not unusual to see some houses rushing past Thursday or Friday."

Any freshmen who would like

Strange ending for dorm party

By Gordon Haff

By Saturday night many of the frats had a good idea of which freshmen they would bid the following day. Most seemed pleased with the freshmen who had come through, and were impressed with the class of 1982 as a whole.

There were few informal get-togethers and most of the fraternities were waiting until Sunday night for their big parties. As a result, the Hawaiian Luau at Baker House was the biggest bash of the night.

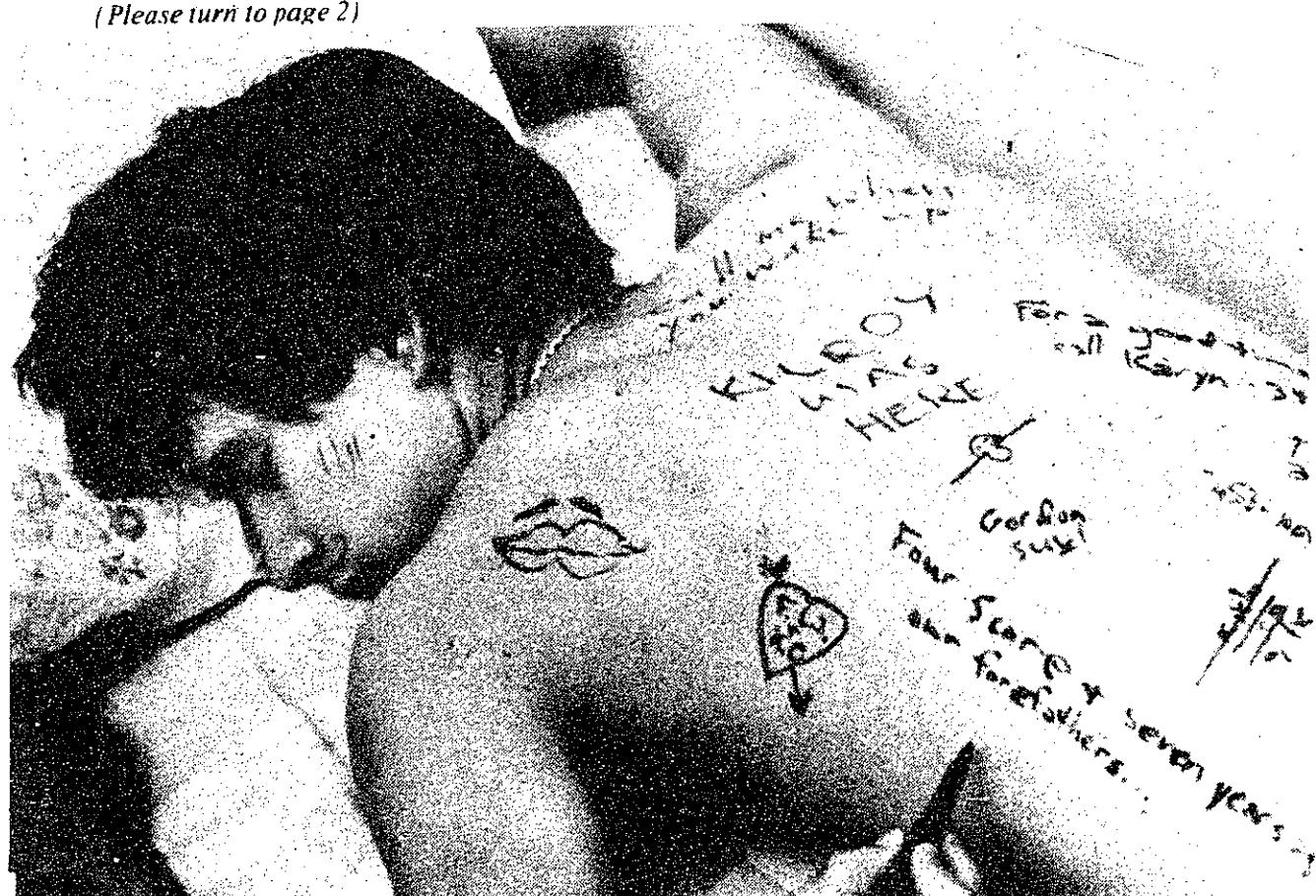
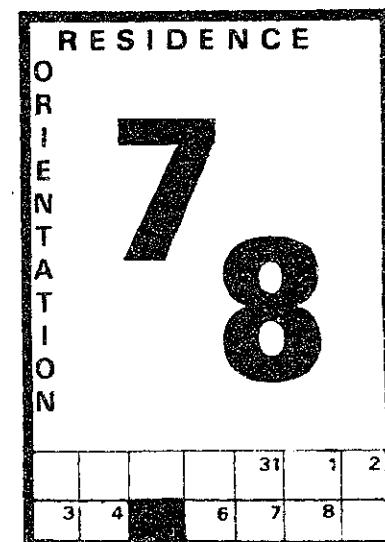
The Baker lobby showed all the trappings of the dormitory rush at its fiercest. Banners fashioned from streams of computer paper hung on every wall and told freshmen where to sign in, where to wait for tours, and how any of their questions could be answered.

Downstairs the beer was flowing. Baker women in grass skirts were grabbing anyone who looked like freshmen, to get the dancing started.

Tom Potter, DormCon chairman, showed up in underwear, a grass skirt and a vest. He made his presence known by screaming, "Beer Break!" at the end of a rollicking, foot-stomping rendition of the Beverly Hillbillies theme song. It was something he continued to scream at ten-minute intervals.

more information as to which houses are still interested in meeting people are encouraged to contact Dave Maurer at the R/O Center or the Dean's Office, Room 7-133. One fraternity rush chairman commented that "the concept that rush is over on Monday is wrong." He continued that "often times a freshman may spend a lot of the early part of rush week at one house, but won't visit the house that he will eventually pledge until the later part of the week. Sometimes it just takes longer for a freshman to find a place where he fits in."

Another rush chairman noted that "things have settled down here and the brothers are getting a chance to sleep, but some houses are still as hectic as ever."



As their dormitory parties drew to an end Sunday night a group of upperclassmen in an erratic mood began tattooing the back of an unsuspecting DormCon R/O Chairman. (Photo by Gordon Haff)

news roundup

World

Earthquake hits Germany — A massive earthquake struck southwestern Germany and four neighboring countries early Sunday morning. Despite widespread damage, only 15 people were injured and no one was killed. The earthquake measured between 5 and 7.5 on the Richter scale, making it one of the strongest to be recorded in that area.

Mideast

Begin arrives in US — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin began his visit to the US with a two day stay in New York City. After his arrival Sunday Begin told reporters that the Israeli government was "deeply interested in the success" of the Camp David talks with Egypt and the US.

Campus

Dorm assignments made — The first round of dormitory assignments was completed last night, with 82 percent of the freshmen who wished to reside in a dormitory assigned. Out of the total 772 freshmen processed 75 were assigned to Baker, 16 to Bexley, 104 to Burton, 131 to East Campus, 105 to MacGregor, 70 to McCormick, 41 to New House, 24 to Random Hall, 51 to Senior House, 6 to French House, 5 to German House, and 6 to Russian House. Only 138 freshmen have not been assigned and they will get their dorm assignments as the rest of the fraternity pledges are received and the number of upperclassmen returning to the dorms is confirmed.

—Jordana Hollander

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Partying at dorms and frats

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Sunday night was party night for the fraternities, many of whom had already finished their Rush Week work — finding freshmen to bid and were ready for the Rush Week fun. Along Beacon Street and Bay State Road fraternity parties overflowed onto the sidewalks.

Live bands sent blasts of music into the night sky. Fraternity houses were packed with BU and Simmons girls who moved into their dormitories over the weekend. On the whole, the parties were loud and lively, but nothing like the unleashed frivolity of the dormitory parties.

Back at my dorm (Burton), the party was beginning to break up. Most of the people remaining were upperclassmen. Tired from the weekend, they were in strange moods. After closing down, some of the organizers were seen prancing down the dining hall steps through a group of quietly conversing freshmen, shouting "R-O-

W-D-I-E, Rowdie, Rowdie, Ya!" while waving balloons and pieces of streamers over their heads.

This group of upperclassmen marched up to our floor tutor's suite, where they proceeded to drop her bathroom screen out the window. By now, Dormcon R/O

Chairman Frank W. pretended to fall asleep on the floor. After he was tattooed with a magic marker, there was an attempt to drag him into the shower. At this point he latched onto a chair where he fell asleep (for real) until 7:30 the next morning.

New Course This Fall

21816 Science & Society in Modern China

MWF 1-2 room 38-136 Peter Buck (3-3440)
Social and political aspects of scientific development in China from the 19th century to the People's Republic: traditional Chinese views of nature and society; revolution, imperialism and the introduction of modern science and technology; Maoist approaches to the organization of scientific research; science and medicine in the Cultural Revolution.

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Godspell

By David Shaw

Godspell began as an off Broadway play, was made into a movie, was revived on Broadway and then performed nationwide by road companies. One would think that after so many years the play would have lost its excitement, but seeing the MIT Musical Theatre Guild's production of *Godspell* proves that the play can still be exciting and hold a few surprises as well.

Godspell is a musical based upon the Gospel according to Matthew, with music and new lyrics by Stephen Schwartz. The cast of ten sings, dances, and acts its way through numerous parables and psalms, presenting each as a short comedy sketch.



Daryn Feldman plays a recorder solo during "All Good Gifts." (Photo by Gordon Haff)

The parables include "The Prodigal Son," "The Good Samaritan" and a slightly altered recounting of the Noah's Ark story.

The play is loosely structured to allow the actors to improvise, although there are set lines. The actors are truly an animated bunch, and their improvisations are excellent. Fortunately there is only one MIT joke used; the cast relies on other things for laughs.

It is the songs that make this show, and most of them are performed quite well. Each of the actors has a song to solo with. The theatre is small enough so that microphones are usually unnecessary; most of the singers project well enough, but one



"Don't let your right hand know what your left hand is doing . . ." (Photo by Gordon Haff)

or two songs get drowned out. "All Good Gifts," sung by Mark A. Jackson, and "Day By Day," sung by April Waters, were particularly outstanding.

The central character is, of course, Jesus. In the tradition of most *Godspell* performances, this Jesus, portrayed by Kirk Trombley, has the usual Superman shirt, sneakers, suspenders, and curly hair. His performance is quite good and he sings "Save The People" and "Alas For You" rather well. The part of John the Baptist/Judas, the play's only tragic role, is well played by B. John Greer. One of the show's high points is the song "All For The Best," where John and Jesus perform

a vaudeville soft shoe number.

The choreography throughout is superb. Sharon Glazer is to be congratulated for the job she did coordinating the cast's movements so perfectly, especially in the opening scene. The lighting was adequate with a few not-so-spectacular special effects projected on a back screen. The band was not overpowering and played rather well, although it sounded a bit disjointed during "Alas For You."

On the whole, *Godspell* is quite worth seeing, and should not be missed. Performances will continue this weekend and the following weekend in Kresge Little Theatre.

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Harbor is a place to sit down, relax, and talk to people who have the time (and aren't trying to get you to live with them). We're located in Private Dining Room number 2, on the third floor of the Student Center. We'll be open until midnight all week. Drop by. We'd be glad to see you.

Come visit the ESG Information Table in the Student Center, 11am-4pm.

Come meet with people from the Christian groups on campus. Help in finding a Christian roommate. Room 7-106, 9am-5:30pm.

An informal group is being organized for students interested in visual arts. Varied, interesting monthly activities. For more information, contact the ArtFacts Coordinator, Committee on the Visual Arts, Room 7-145, x3-4400.

Presently there is an extreme shortage of off-campus housing in the Cambridge and greater Boston areas. Incoming students, single or married, in need of housing are urged to go to the Off-Campus Housing Service, E18-301, for information concerning roommate listings and apartment rentals. Listings are updated daily and free telephone service is available for local calls concerning the listings.

INFORMATION

Advanced Standing Exams for students who have been notified of such:

Sept 5, Tues., 1:30-4:30pm: 5.40, 14.001, 18.700 in room 16-310.

Sept 6, Wed., 7-10pm: 8.01 in room 16-310.

Sept 7, Thurs., 9am-12pm: 8.02 in room 16-310.

Sept 7, Thurs., 1:30-4:30pm: 14.002 in room 16-310.

Students who want to register for 18.01B must sign up for the entrance exam on or before Tues. Sept. 5, in 2-108.

Questions about these exams should be referred to the Schedules Office, x3-4788.

Language Placement Exams will be offered in German, Spanish, French, and Russian on Tues., Sept. 5 from 10-11am.

All information for *The Daily Confusion* should be submitted at *The Tech's* newsroom (W20-483) by 2pm the day preceding the publication date.

Experimental Study Group Open House, 9am-9pm in room 24-612. Drop by and visit us — we provide refreshments, company, and information about ESG.

The Unix computer system (used in 6.031) will be open for use for the rest of R/O week. If you have never used a computer before, this is your chance to play such games as Adventure, Star Trek, and Jotto. If you wish to try programming, we have BASIC, algol, lisp, and teco. Stop by room 38-394 and see Jeff Schiller some afternoon this week. Open daily 12noon-11pm with someone on duty 12noon-3pm and 7-9pm.

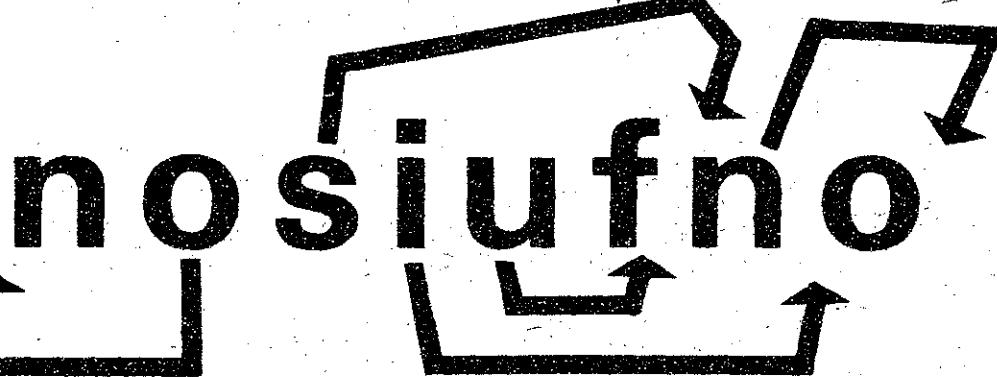
Register for MIT Student Art Association classes through September 15. Drawing, claywork, photography, calligraphy, Chinese brush painting, stained glass, etching. Student Center room 429 1-5pm.

EATING

Lobdell will be open Tuesday through Friday: breakfast from 7:30-10:30am, lunch from 11am-2pm, and supper from 5-7pm.

Twenty Chimneys: Tuesday through Friday: Salad bar from 11:30am-1:30pm.

Pritchett Lounge (2nd floor Walker) will be open Tuesday through Friday from 5pm to midnight.



TUESDAY

9am-11pm R/O Center open.

9-11am Women's Varsity Field Hockey practice, Briggs Field. Contact Connie West, x5-7333

9am-noon Advanced Standing Exams for 18.01 and 18.02 in room 2-102.

9am-5pm Graduate Information Center in Graduate School Office, room 3-136. Phone 253-2197.

9:30am-8pm International Open House at the Medical Department and Foreign Student Office.

10-11am Foreign Language Orientation and Placement Exams in rooms 2-190, 2-390, 4-290, and 4-370.

10am-midnight Harbor in Private Dining Room #2, Student Center.

11am Permanent assignments available outside the R/O Center.

noon ESG Presents "Cookies and T". Experience the multicolored lines of the MBTA and the places they'll take you. Cookies, thrills, and Bostonian points of interest. Meet at room 24-612 (ESG) and prepare to meet thy tube!

1pm Tour of Boston Common and Esplanade. Wear walking shoes. Leaves from TCA, room 450, Student Center.

1pm ESG 1 shot seminar "Bicycle Dynamics" at room 24-612.

1pm Women's Bathroom Tour leaves from the Cheney Room (3-310).

1:30pm Deadline to check out of temporary dormitory assignments.

2-3:30pm Meetings with Freshman Advisors.

3-5pm Women's Varsity Field Hockey practice, Briggs Field. Contact Connie West, x5-7333.

3:30-4:30pm Women's Athletic Facility Tours. Meet in the courtyard on the west side of the Student Center, in front of duPont entrance. Sponsored by the Women's Athletic Council.

4-6pm Limbo Party in the Mezzanine Lounge, third floor Student Center.

5pm Vespers in the Christian Activities Center (7-106).

6:30-8:30pm Volleyball on East Briggs Field sponsored by Seekers.

7pm International Open House sponsors "Evening with Institute Faculty and Staff." Speakers: L. Menand, K. Nagaraja Rao, Claire Kramsch, Professor F. McGarry, Norma McGavern. Come and join the discussion in the Bush Room (10-105).

Jazz Tour leaves from TCA office, Student Center room 450.

Living Groups

9am Burton House Breakfast

11:30am East Campus Fifth East Jack Florey's second annual crêpe breakfast. Huge assortment of crêpes, fit for all tastes.

1pm Burton House Conner 4 All Burton Freshmen, come by our floor lounge for munchies so we can have a chance to meet each other.

1pm East Campus First West Come by for homemade ice cream and bagels.

3pm East Campus 1st West A bottle of Chivas Regal will be awarded to the winner of our "Guess the number of pennies in the glass egg contest," at an informal ceremony in 1st West lounge.

7pm East Campus Fifth East After East Campus Shebang, drop by Jack Florey's for milk and home-made cookies.

8pm Sigma Chi Band Party featuring *Scorpio*. 8:30pm AEPI Mixer. Live band, *Traveler*. Beer, punch, and munchies. Everyone invited.



Dale Senechal

WEDNESDAY

All day meetings with freshman advisors.

All day International Student Open House in the Bush Room (10-105).

9am-9pm R/O Center open

9am-5pm Freshmen MUST have an ID picture taken in the R/O center if they haven't already done so.

9:45am-3:30pm TCA Red Cross Blood Drive in the Student Center room 491.

10am-midnight Harbor in Private Dining Room #2, in the Student Center on the 3rd floor.

10am-noon Transfer Students' meeting on academic procedures, registration, and student activities in the Mezzanine Lounge in the Student Center.

12:15-1:15pm Transfer Student's Luncheon in the Sala de Puerto Rico, Student Center 2nd floor.

1pm ESG One shot seminar, "Geometric Art" room 24-612.

1:30pm Computer Orientation in Kresge Auditorium.

2pm More permanent dormitory assignments available in the R/O Center.

2-4pm Academic Midway in duPont Gymnasium.

4pm Freshman Quiz in 26-100. Make-up Thursday at 4pm in 26-100. Administered by the Freshman Rules Committee.

5:05pm Lutheran Episcopal service of Holy Communion. All welcome in the

Chapel. Followed by light supper at 312 Memorial Drive. Call x3-2093 x3-2325 for information.

6pm Lutheran Episcopal Ministry Reception. Come meet us in the West Lounge of the Student Center on the 2nd floor.

6pm ESG Dinner for freshmen at room 24-612.

4-6pm Women's Student/Faculty Ice Cream Orgy in the Mezzanine Lounge, 3rd floor, Student Center.

7-9:30 Hillel Ice Cream Party in the Mezzanine Lounge, 3rd floor, Student Center.

8pm Women's Evening Forum in the Cheney Room (3-310).

8pm ESG Ice Cream Tour: Find out where to eat ice cream in Boston, and join an excursion to one of the best. Meet in 24-612.

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